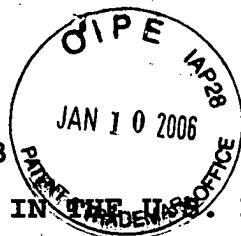


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FIRST AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Office Action mailed 20 December 2005.

Pursuant to the requirement for restriction, Applicant provisionally elects the invention classified in Group I to which claims 1 to 4 are directed, namely, to the method.

The restriction requirement is respectfully traversed. The Examiner's restriction is that, in the view of the Examiner, the product as recited in claim 5 can be made by another and materially different process from that of claim 1.

In particular, the Examiner believes that processes such